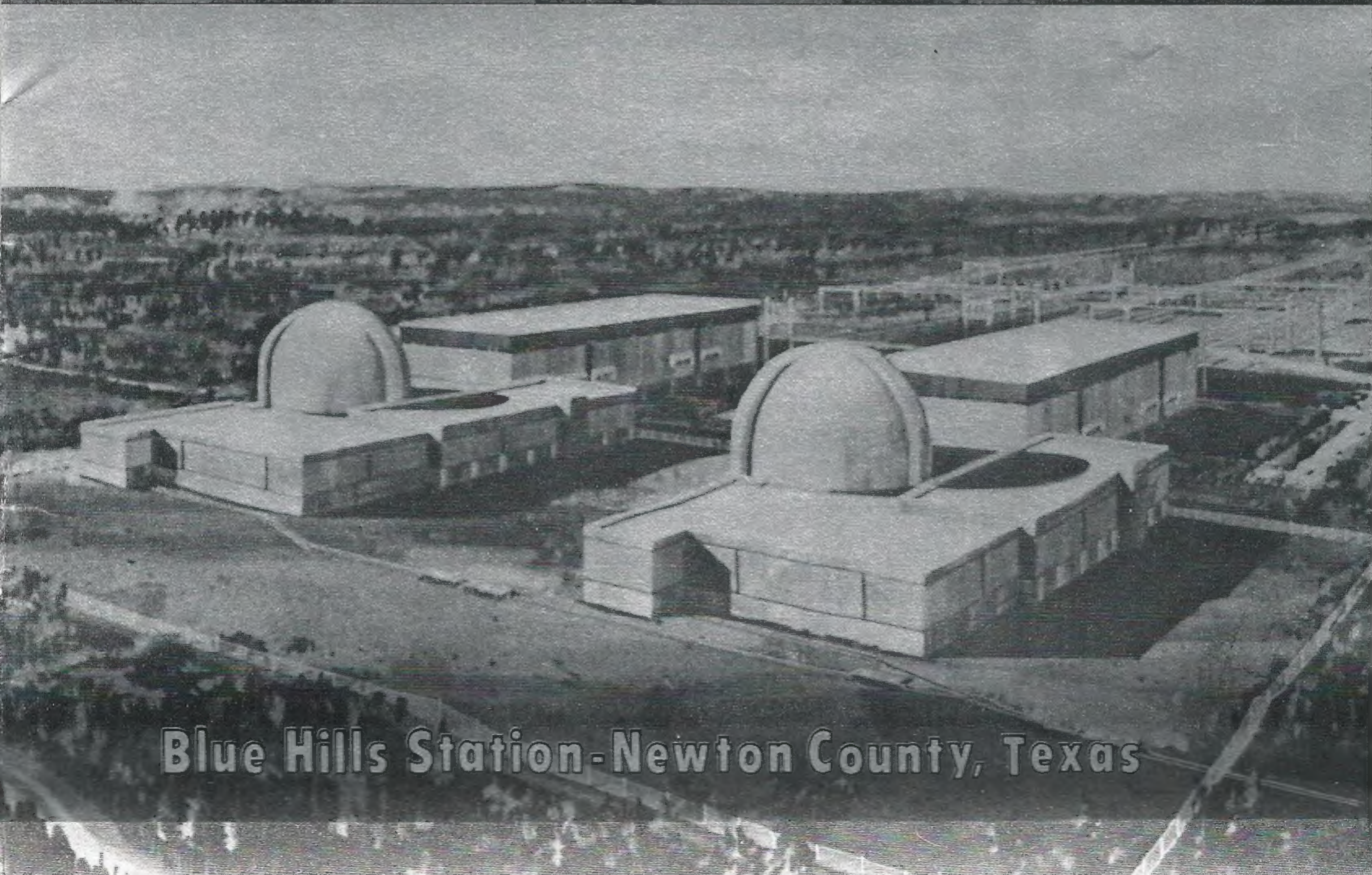


APRIL, 1973

WE ENTER THE
NUCLEAR ERA



River Bend Station-St. Francisville, Louisiana



Blue Hills Station-Newton County, Texas

As you can see from the cover, the new official name for our second nuclear power plant is *Blue Hills Station*, a name that reflects the proud heritage of this scenic area of Texas. The name was selected through a "Name Your New Electric Neighbor" contest, open to junior and senior high school students within a 20-mile radius of the proposed site in Newton County. The contest was enthusiastically received by the students and teachers of the participating schools. Many fine names and accompanying essays were submitted for judging. Our thanks go to everyone at the various schools who were involved in the judging, and a special thanks to the local selection committee from Newton County for their valued time and responsible selection of the three finalists.

Here's how the contest worked. A name and essay were submitted by the students to the school judges, who selected a winner from each school. From these 12 semi-finalists, three finalists were chosen by the judging committee. Names and essays were judged on how well the name described the plant site area as well as the content of the essay explaining the name. The three finalists were submitted to Company Management, and the final name was selected on March 16.

Blue Hills Station is another important milestone in the history of the Company, and the contest demonstrates our determination to involve the public more and more in our corporate decisions. As a "new electric neighbor," we look forward to a successful and lasting relationship with our new neighbors.

After all, what are neighbors for!
(The May issue of *PLAIN TALKS* will have coverage of the finalists and winner in the "Name Your New Electric Neighbor" contest.)

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NEW NEIGHBORS NAME OUR TEXAS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



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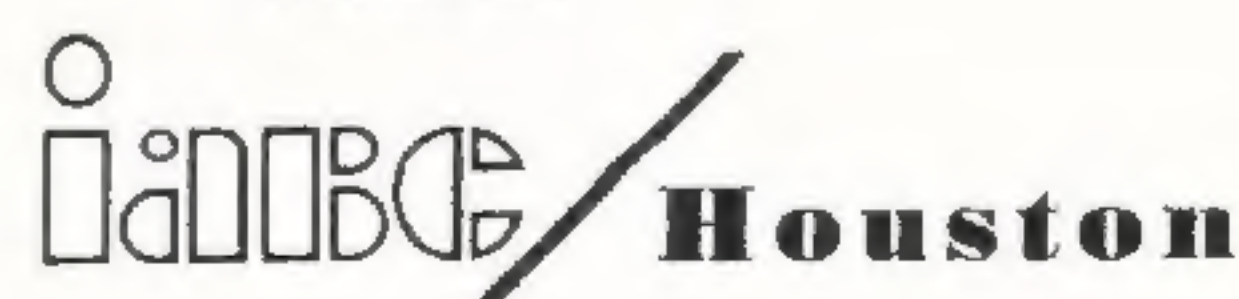
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River Bend Station and Blue Hills Station, the Company's two proposed nuclear power plants, are scheduled for commercial operation by 1980. They will serve as milestones in Company history, and their impact will reach far into the future, benefiting our customers for many years to come.

River Bend Progress

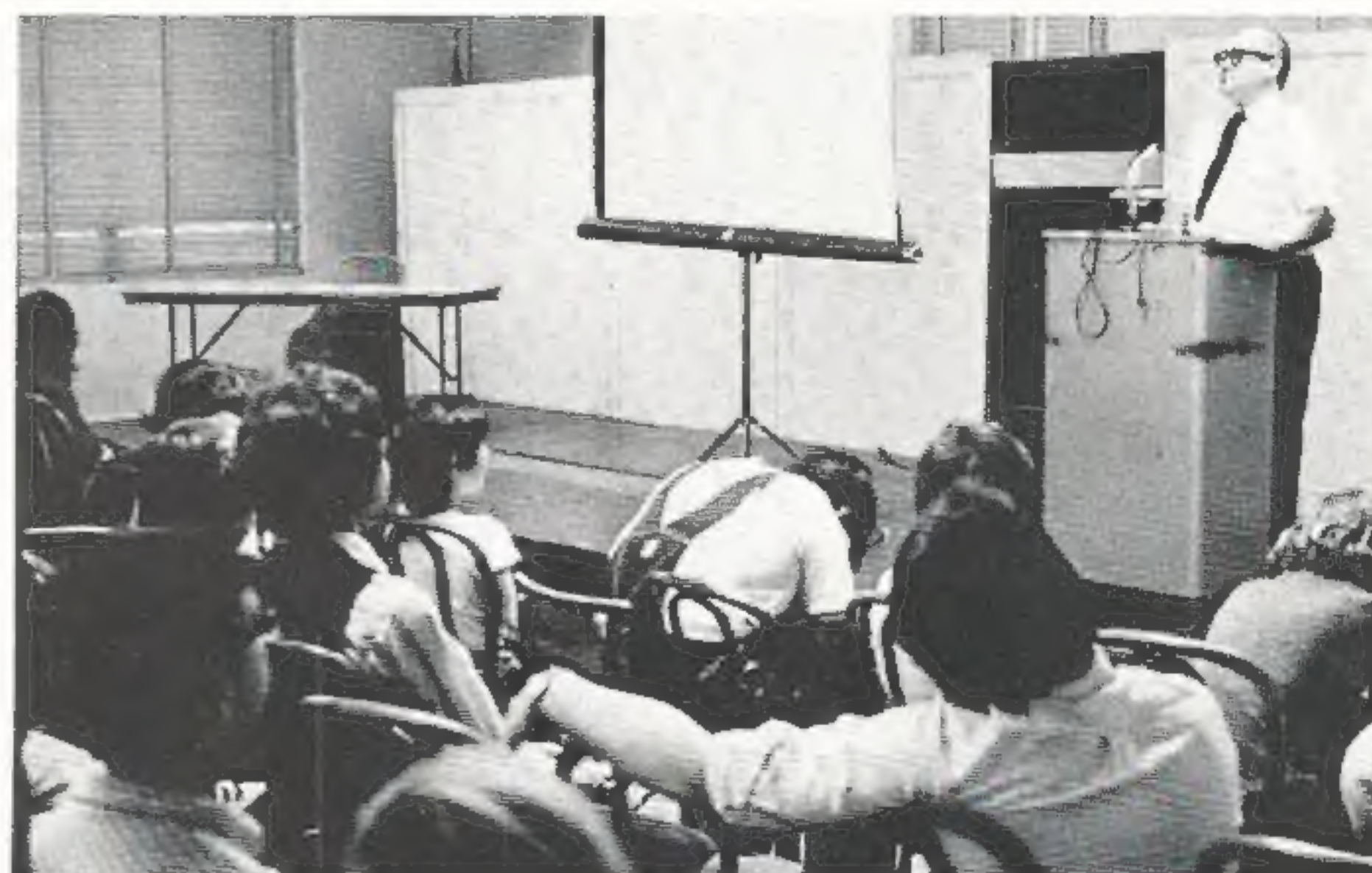
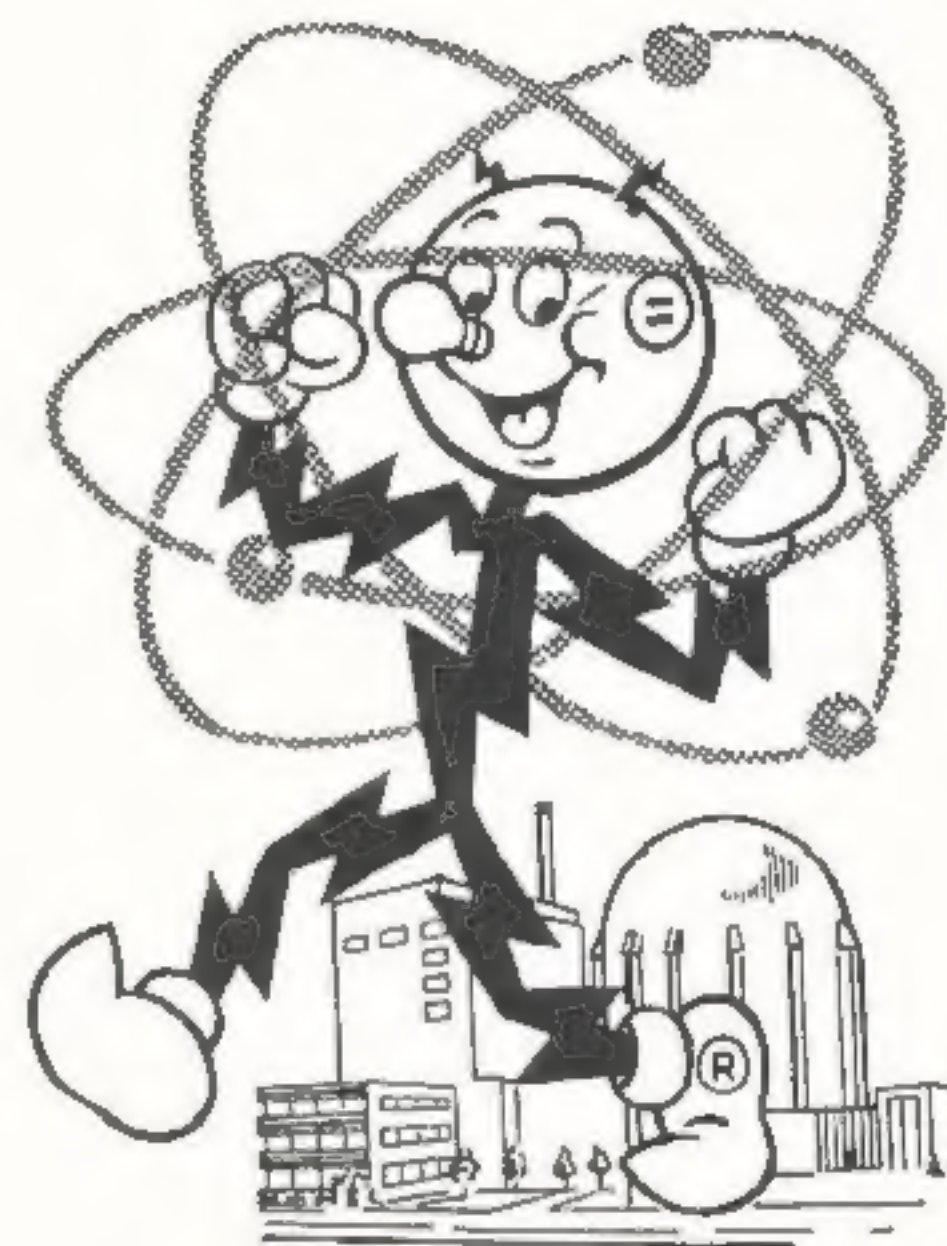
Well Under Way

Progress is now well under way at the Company's River Bend nuclear power plant site near St. Francisville, Louisiana. A myriad of procedures, guidelines and studies must be completed before the actual construction of the plant begins. Roger Moore, Beaumont nuclear engineer and project head for River Bend, is busy night and day, working with various departments throughout the Company in preparing for the not-too-distant reality of our first nuclear power plant.

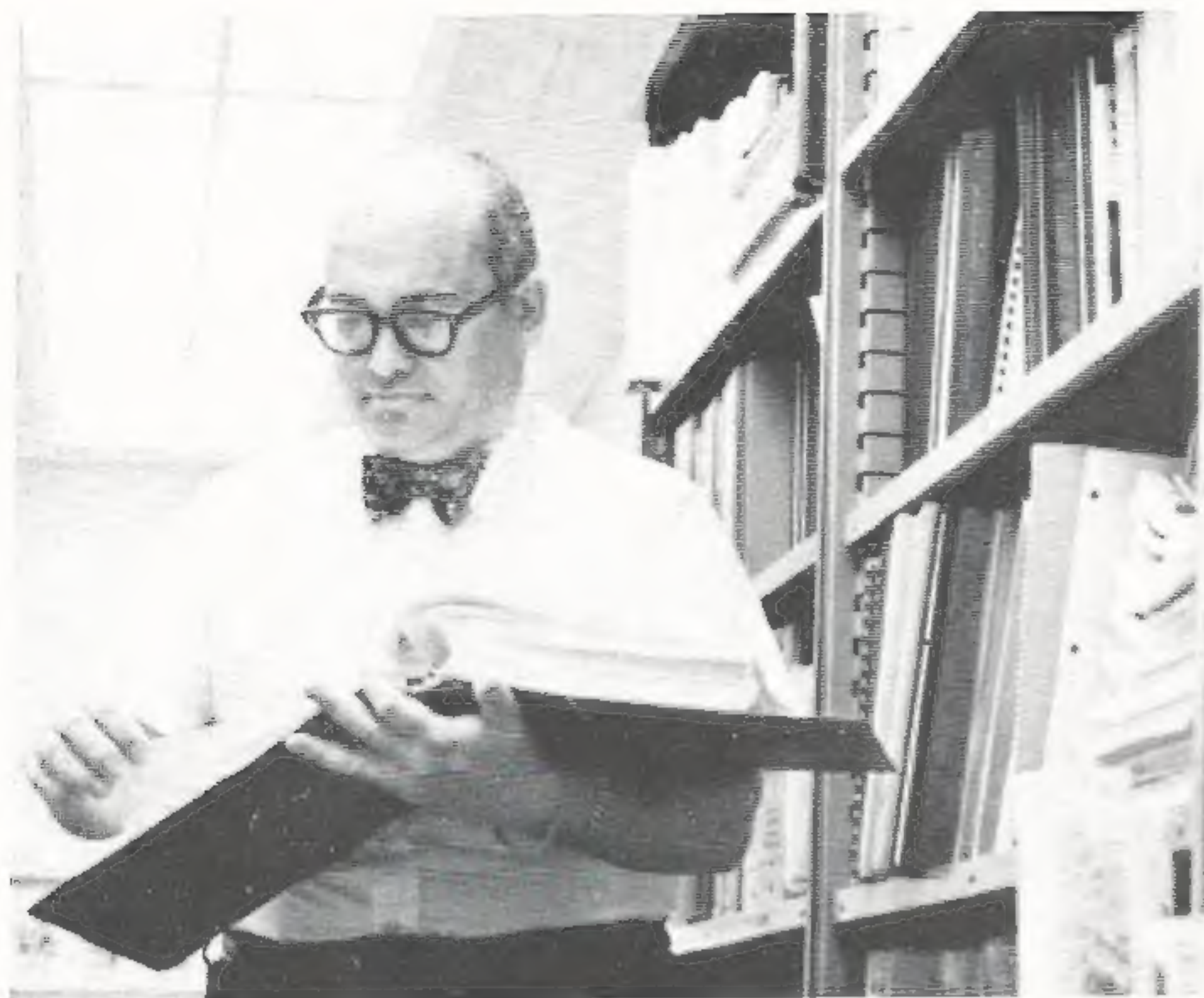
It would take a separate story to name everyone in the Company involved in the River Bend project, but a quick listing of involved departments will quickly make one realize the extent of coordinated efforts that are now in motion. These departments include engineering, construction, production, nuclear planning, T&D, public relations, IDS, personnel and a host of outside organizations working with the Company.

"At this time, the bulk of effort is directed toward the completion of the application for our Construction Permit," said Roger Moore. "This application contains information about the Company that supports the claim that we can be financially responsible for the safe operation of River Bend." A Preliminary Safety Analysis Report and an Environmental Report will also be filed with the application. The safety report describes the plant, gives an analysis of its safety features, and describes the operating organization and the rules under which the plant will be operated. The Environmental Report tells the environment of the plant site area and general region. It also details the effects the plant will have on the environment, and considers alternative means of providing electricity to our customers in the future. Answers to a series of antitrust questions will be submitted for the Atomic Energy Commission and Department of Justice to review prior to granting the Construction Permit.

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Roger Moore, Beaumont nuclear engineer and River Bend nuclear plant project head, recently spoke to 4-H school students in Bunkie, La. about our environmental studies at the River Bend plant site.



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Concurrently with the preparation of the license application, geophysical testing and site soil boring programs are proceeding. Their purpose is to gather information for the proper design of the plant's foundation and structure. Site and building arrangement studies are also underway. Specifications and designs for major equipment are being prepared and issued to prospective vendors, and bids are presently being returned and evaluated.

Flow diagrams are being studied for the major systems in the reactor and turbine buildings, and analyses are being performed on the plans for seismic design, vibration, foundation loadings and instrumentation, General Electric Co. has placed on order the reactor vessel from Chicago Nuclear, a joint venture between Chicago Bridge and Iron and General Electric Company.

The Company is now negotiating for nuclear fuel (uranium) in the form of yellowcake. It is also starting work on a uranium enrichment contract with the Atomic Energy Commission.

Studies are over 50% completed on the two-year sampling and analysis program. Present plans call for a reduced sampling program of key environmental parameters after the first two years, followed by a stepped up sampling and analysis program immediately before and after River Bend starts commercial operation. The weather tower at the plant site is collecting data for the design of the reactor's engineered safeguard equipment.

Marine biology efforts are being directed at collection of specimens for identification of diversity and population densities. Seasonal variations are being studied by samplings throughout the year, while water quality measurements are being

compiled from the Mississippi River, Alligator Bayou and Grant's Bayou.

Terrestrial ecology continues with bird and land animal inventories. The inventory of trees and underbrush is essentially completed, with efforts soon to begin on restoration of erosion damage and pasture improvements. Measurement of background radioactive material levels is also being studied.

As it is easily seen, many theoretical and field studies are now being conducted in preparation for construction of River Bend. Hard work, through a long process by dedicated people, will make our first nuclear power plant a model of safety and economical operation, as well as a tribute to the goals of ecology.



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GSU NEWS

Baton Rouge Ladies

Meet The Quillback

by Frank Jones

Etta Webster and Ann Allison, two of Baton Rouge's Home Service ladies, dedicated a recent lunch hour to explore the submarine U.S.S. QUILLBACK, SS-424, docked in the Baton Rouge area for a three-day public relations mission.

During the 30-minute tour, the ladies found only two problems: getting down into the sub and getting back out again while wearing skirts. As you can probably imagine, subs weren't designed for women in dresses!

Ann has a cousin in the Navy that is assigned to the QUILLBACK, but he had stayed in New Orleans on a recruiting mission, and was to rejoin the sub on its way back down the Mississippi River.



Etta Webster (left) and Ann Allison, Baton Rouge home service advisors, toured the submarine U.S.S. QUILLBACK, SS-424, recently docked in Baton Rouge.



Etta and Ann went below for a closer look, and even suggested that a microwave oven be installed in the sub's galley. Not a bad space-saving idea!

It was mentioned going through the galley of the sub that a microwave oven might save the steward numerous hours of laboring over a hot stove. His reply: "There isn't room for anything else down here!"

The QUILLBACK was originally commissioned Dec. 29, 1944 and participated in World War II off the coast of Kyushu, Japan. She is now engaged in training and good will missions across the United States. She is a unit of Submarine Squadron Twelve and is home-ported in Key West, Florida. Her next mission will take her and her crew to the Bahamas, again on a good will and recruiting mission. The skipper of the QUILLBACK noted that several thousand visitors a day saw the sub and learned just a little more than they previously knew about the Navy and its submarine fleet and crew.

Thrift Plan

Purchases of Gulf States Utilities Company stock made by the Trustee during February, 1973 covering employee deductions and Company contributions through January, 1973 were as follows:

3,957 shares of Common Stock at a total cost of \$79,789.24 or an average cost per share of \$20.164.

92 shares of \$4.40 Preferred Stock at a total cost of \$5,861.85 or an average cost per share of \$63.716.

The Trustee deposited \$128,290.68 with the Savings Department of the First Security National Bank.

Retiree's Club In Lake Charles

Lake Charles Division retired employees have been enthusiastically working toward the formation of a new concept: a Retiree's Club. Progress is already well under way, with a formal name for the club to be adopted at a later date.

The functions of the club will be to encourage better communications, social and other organized activities.

At their last meeting, held January 9 in Jennings, La., the following were elected to offices:

Walter House—President

N. G. Carpenter—Vice President

Phil Allen—Secretary and Treasurer

District Representatives:

George Gilmore—Sulphur

Brad McMaster—Jennings

Frank Sonnier—Lafayette

Advisory Committee:

A. H. Demers

D. I. Norwood

J. F. Simonson

Lillian Ferguson

Fay Denney

S. J. Guidry

Welfare Committee:

Lee Henry—Chairman

Social Committee:

Ernest Little—Chairman

Recent Ice Storm Proves To Be Costly

Much of the Company's service area was affected by the freezing rain, sleet and snow that fell during January 9-13. The inclement weather started in the Western Division on January 9, and gradually spread eastward across Beaumont, Port Arthur and the western portion of the Lake Charles Division.

The dominating factor contributing to the large number of outages faced by the Company was heavy icing on

trees with large amounts of foliage. First signs of trouble started near midnight on January 10 in the Cleveland-New Caney area.

Throughout the ordeal, employees from various departments assisted in answering telephones and patrolling lines. As an indication of the severity of the storm, in the Beaumont Division alone some 800 people, including assistance from contractors, tree crews and other division crews, were engaged

in service restoration on January 13.

Moneywise, the storm proved to be costly. An estimated \$300,000 was spent in restoring power to the customers.

At the peak of the ice storm, approximately 70,700 customers were out of service in the divisions affected. This was due to interruptions to transmission and distribution circuits.

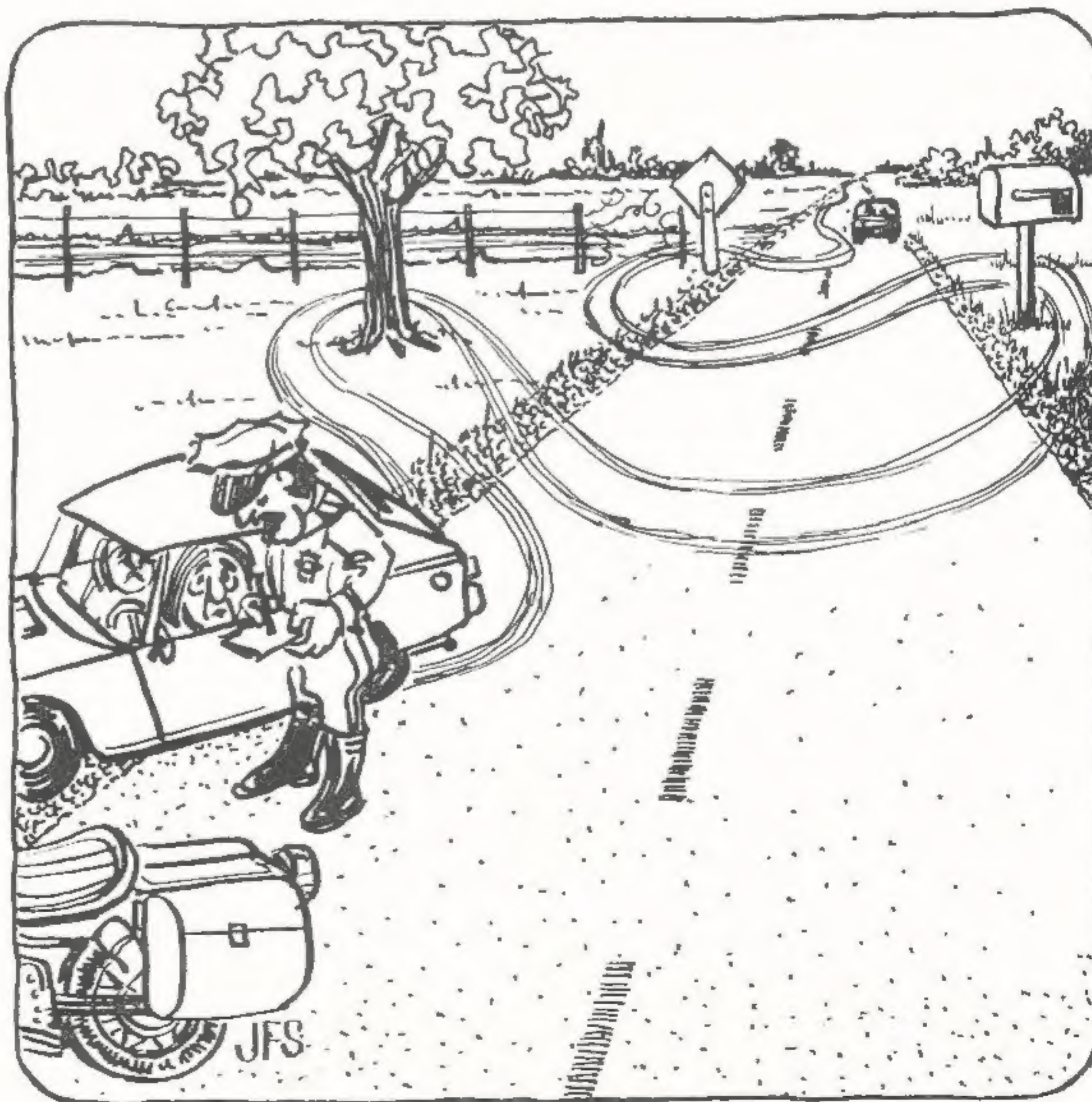
Service was back to normal in all areas by the evening of January 13.

G. E. SPONSORS SEMINAR

General Electric recently sponsored an Electrical Maintenance Seminar, held in the Beaumont office. The purpose of the seminar was to train area petrochemical industry employees new maintenance techniques, as well as to introduce them to new equipment available in their field of work.

The course was taught by a G.E. representative, with two classes of two and a half days each being held. Similar classes were also held in Lake Charles and Baton Rouge.

The company's industrial engineers also attended the seminar, since they are responsible for contact work with the various industries. At the end of each session, the electrical maintenance technicians and engineers were presented with a certificate, indicating the successful completion of the course.



"... AND DON'T TRY TO TELL ME IT WAS DEFENSIVE DRIVING!"

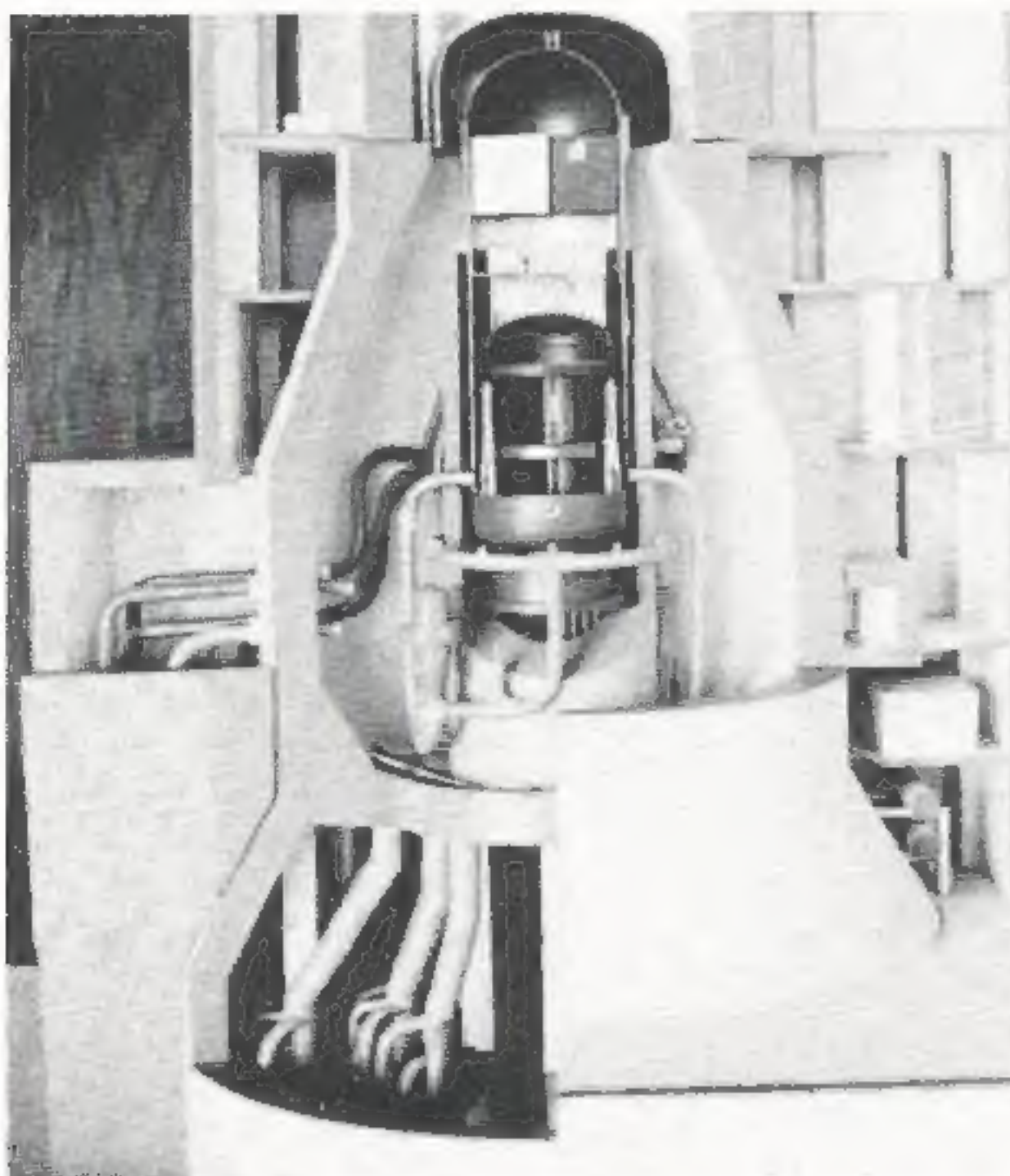
From General Electric Corp.

Scale Model Of Nuclear Reactor Touring System

by Frank Jones

General Electric Corp. has supplied Gulf States Utilities company with a model of a pressurized water nuclear reactor to use in instruction and civic talks throughout the system.

The model, as shown in the photograph, is a cut-away view of the reactor and has each element and part numbered for easy reference and explanation. The model stands approximately 7 feet high when fully assembled.

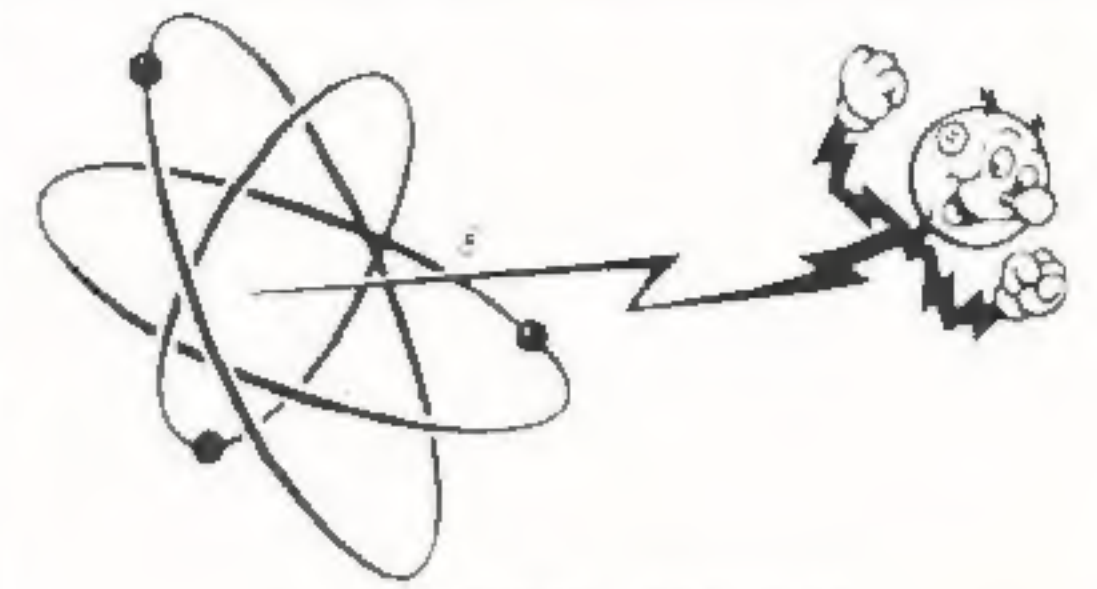


This seven-foot high model is a cut-away view of the reactor, with each part numbered for easy reference and explanation.

The model was originally shown in the Baton Rouge Division in February at a convention of the Louisiana Cattlemen's association. It was co-sponsored by GSU and two New Orleans utility companies. Following the three-day showing in Baton Rouge, the model was shipped to the Lake Charles Division for use there. Eventually, the model should make it's way into the Beaumont area for showings. An opportunity to view the model is well worth the time and effort. It will afford an inside view of a nuclear reactor.



Connie Leonard, Baton Rouge Choctaw Storeroom, is just one of many interested Company employees to view the pressurized water nuclear reactor model provided by General Electric Corporation.



DID YOU KNOW

... that preliminary studies show that there will be no significant effects on water quality from the discharges of our River Bend nuclear power plant to be located on the Mississippi River.

Soybeans?

Mr. Daniel Hoffpauir of Lake Charles had leased land for growing soybeans adjacent to the Company's right of way for Line 608 east of SOLAC Bulk.

Inadvertently, Mr. Hoffpauir planted soybeans on our right of way, and did not discover the mistake until he was preparing to cut the beans. He then had the right of way staked, cut and sold the beans separate from his other crop, and presented the Company with a check for \$241.38.

Mr. Hoffpauir stated that he had made a mistake, and that the money derived from the sale of the soybeans was not his. After some time was spent searching for a proper account, the check was accepted with thanks.

If everyone was that honest, a profitable side income for the Company could be derived from letting farmers grow soybeans on our right of ways. And it sure would save GSU a lot of money otherwise spent on mowing the right of ways.

G. E. Trains Men At Willow Glen

by Frank Jones

General Electric Corporation, manufacturers of the turbine generator currently being installed at Baton Rouge's Willow Glen on Unit No. 4, recently completed a training schedule for Willow Glen and surrounding area personnel.

The classroom instruction was to teach the operators how the turbine was put together, how it works and how it will be operated. Also discussed were possible problems with the new unit and how to correct them, and, hopefully, how to avoid them through proper maintenance.

Each student spent five hours per day, five days per week in lecture/question/answer periods and an additional one to two hours in the afternoon on-the-job training.

Students from Louisiana and Texas came to the classes. Besides the Willow Glen personnel, there were operators from System Production, other departments in Beaumont and Sabine on hand for the lectures. So many people registered for the instruction that A. B. Cross, operating

plant supervisor, had to hold two different sessions, each lasting one week.

Why all this attention to Unit No. 4 at Willow Glen all of a sudden? It is the unit being converted to burn heavy oil as opposed to the burning

of natural gas, standard procedure in other boilers at Willow Glen. The burning of oil required an extensive and expensive (\$14 million) conversion. Much of these monies were spent on new docking facilities and four oil storage tanks.

The four new tanks, will hold approximately 280,000 barrels of oil. The first shipment of oil arrived in January, and Weldon Smith, Superintendent of Willow Glen, hopes to fire No. 4 for the first time in the near future.

No. 4 Unit is expected to put out approximately 540 megawatts of power (rated) and Cross noted that he felt they could easily obtain 600 megawatts from it as they have on occasion gotten as high as 609 megawatts out of Unit No. 3, right next door and similar to Unit No. 4.

Converting a gas burner to an oil burner doesn't seem to be the simplest chore assigned personnel at Willow Glen Power Station. One factor involved that most wouldn't even think of is the implementation of an Air Emission Monitoring Trailer, used extensively to monitor air samples for possible pollutants and to compare these samples before and after the burning of oil in No. 4.



This is an aerial view of Willow Glen, showing the new docking facilities and tank farm (upper left).



Werner Schattner acted as the instructor for the training school sponsored by General Electric Corporation.



MRS. KATHERINE MESSINA

Mrs. Messina Honored In Port Arthur

Mrs. Katherine Messina (Port Arthur T&D), was recently honored at a dinner at the Pompano Club in Port Arthur. Mrs. Messina will retire in April after serving two terms as governor of the South and East Districts of LaSertoma International.

She is a past president and treasurer of the Evening LaSertoma club, and has served that organization as chairman of various committees. Mrs. Messina is also a charter member of the Aurora chapter of the American Business Women's Association, and appeared in the 1972 edition of "Personalities of the South."

New Docking Facilities

First Tanker Unloads Oil At Willow Glen

The first week in February marked the unloading of some 210,000 barrels of heavy oil from a tanker docked at the Company's Willow Glen Station, located near St. Gabriel, Louisiana. This was the first tanker to unload oil at the Company's power station.

This was the first load of heavy oil delivered to Willow Glen's new docking facilities and tank farm. The oil, transported from Corpus Christi, Tex., will be used to generate electricity in the Company's new No. 4 Unit. This unit was converted to burn heavy oil due to impending natural gas shortages.

Willow Glen's docking facilities will accommodate barges and tankers, with the new tank farm consisting of four storage tanks with a 280,000 barrel total capacity.

Conversion cost at Willow Glen was approximately \$15 million, with the No. 4 Unit to be fully operational by May, 1973.



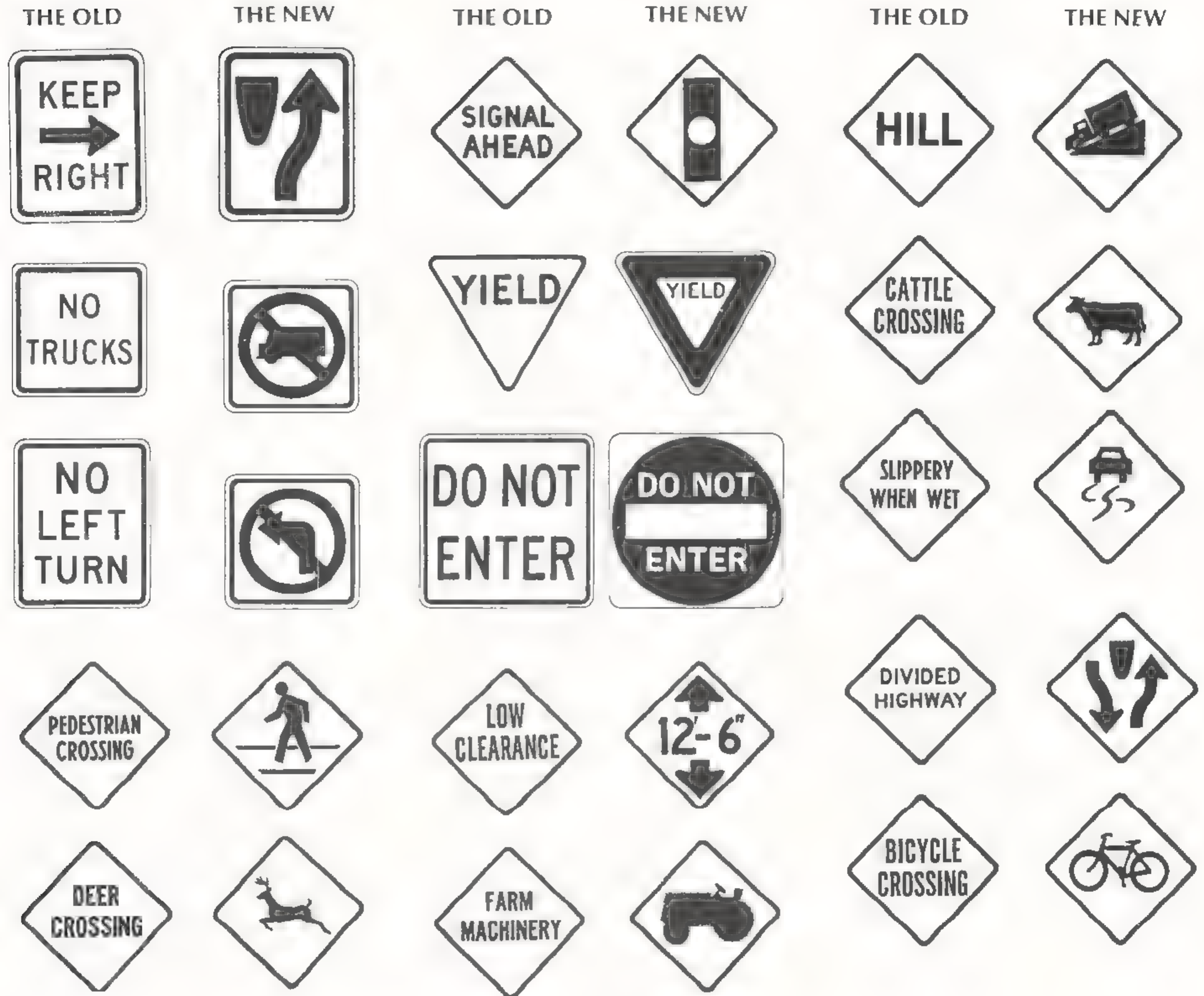
This aerial view shows the first tanker unloading heavy oil at Willow Glen Station, near St. Gabriel, La. The oil will be stored in the newly-constructed tank farm (shown behind tower) at the power station, and used in the No. 4 Unit that has been converted to burn heavy oil.

New Traffic Signs Begin To Appear

After six years of psychological and engineering research the U. S. Department of Transportation is unveiling a whole new set of highway signs. Some of them are already up, but three years will pass before all of them are installed.

The basic idea is to make traffic signs pictorial rather than verbal. One of the most important is the diagonal slash that means "Don't." In addition, the new signs use a color code: red to prohibit, yellow to warn, green to permit movement, blue for highway services, brown for scenic suggestions.

Stay alert for these new signs—you'll soon see them everywhere.



(This is a reprint from the Mississippi Power and Light Company's monthly magazine for employees)

People On The Move

Two promotions were effective the first of March in the Orange T&D Line Department. **Willis L. Armstrong** was promoted to line foreman and **Oliver F. Peveto** was promoted to utility foreman.

Armstrong, former utility foreman, came to the Company in 1947 as a helper in Orange T&D. In 1950, he was transferred to the Service Department as serviceman-fourth class and later moved up to lineman-first class in 1952.

Peveto was promoted from lineman-first class to his new position as line foreman, and has been with the Company since February 1952 when he was hired as a helper in the Orange T&D Line Department. He was promoted to lineman first class in February, 1957.

A native of Henderson, Texas, Armstrong attended public school in Little Cypress and Orange and graduated from Stark High School in Orange in 1943 after an active athletic career in football, baseball and basketball.



Willis L. Armstrong



Oliver F. Peveto



Robert J. Summers

Robert J. Summers, former Utility Foreman, Beaumont T&D Line Department, has been promoted to Claims Representative effective March 1 and has been transferred to the Personnel Department, Safety and Claims.

A Franklin, Indiana native and a graduate of Franklin High School, Summers also attended Franklin College. He joined the Company in 1949 as a line crew helper at Beaumont.

Married to the former Olga Wengren of Cleveland, Ohio, the Summers have two married daughters; Mrs. Guy Woodrow of Port Neches and Mrs. J. R. Harris, Houston. The Summers attend Trinity Methodist Church.

Deaths



Alphonse J. Glynn

Alphonse J. Glynn, retired Louisiana Station mechanical maintenance foreman, died on February 21.

Mr. Glynn, a native of Baton Rouge, started with the Company in 1924 as an oiler at Louisiana Station. Progressing through the positions of fireman, watch engineer and head fireman, in 1944 he took a leave of absence to serve as secretary-

treasurer of Gulf States Employees Association. He returned to La. Station in 1956 as boiler maintenance foreman and was promoted to mechanical maintenance foreman in 1965.

Mr. Glynn was a graduate of Chamberlain Hunt Academy in Ft. Gibson, Mississippi, and also attended LSU.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cockerham on the death of their infant son, Mark Allen Cockerham. Mrs. Cockerham is the former Mary Alva McClelland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McClelland. Mr. McClelland is the Beaumont Division sales superintendent.

Retirements



Howard W. Webb



James Spears



Cleveland Guidry

Howard W. Webb, head fireman at Louisiana Station in Baton Rouge, retires April 1 after serving the Company for over 32 years.

Mr. Webb joined the Company in 1941 as an operator at the Liberty Ice Plant. In 1943 he was transferred to Orange as an operator in the Production Department, and later served as watch engineer in the same department. Mr. Webb transferred to Louisiana Station in 1949 as a second fireman, then progressed to head fireman, the position held at retirement.

A native of Milam, Texas, Mr. Webb now lives in Baton Rouge with his wife, Vessie, a native of Many, La. The Webbs have two daughters and a son; Mrs. J. D. Marchand, Mrs. Victor Lovett and Howard A. Webb.

Mr. Webb's retirement plans will include lots of fishing at Toledo Bend with relatives and friends. As for memorable moments at GSU, Mr. Webb noted that "they were all great."

James Spears, mechanic's helper in the Production Department at Louisiana Station, retires from the Company April 1 after 42 years of service.

Mr. Spears was employed in November, 1931 as a laborer at Louisiana Station. He was promoted to special laborer in 1949, and then promoted to mechanic's helper in September, 1972, the position held at retirement. All of his time was spent at Louisiana Station.

A native of Istrouma, La., Mr. Spears attended school in Scotlandville, La. The Baton Rouge resident is a deacon in the Straight Life Baptist Church, and received the 1968-69 award for outstanding leadership in the Ishmael Temple.

Mr. Spears plans to spend his retirement gardening and golfing, with much time devoted to church work.

Cleveland Guidry, janitor in the Beaumont T&D Department, retires from the Company April 1. He has been with GSU for over 25 years.

Mr. Guidry was employed in May, 1947 as a janitor in Beaumont, where all of his time with the Company was spent.

The Crowley, Louisiana native attended school in Crowley. He now resides in Beaumont with his wife, Willie May, a native of Branch, La. He has one son, Joseph Edward Guidry of Beaumont.

Mr. Guidry is a Mason, and attends the West Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Retirement plans call for building a garage-shop at home for mechanical work on automobiles.

LITTER IS A SLAP IN AMERICA'S FACE. AND YOURS.



Maybe litter around a national park or a famous American landmark seems a long way from your home. But litter is like a cancer. It spreads. It's a disease. And as more and more of us share this country, it's creeping closer to home. *Your* home.

And strangely enough, the people who litter often do it with things they need and appreciate most.

Like non-returnable bottles and cans and other packages, that are made for your convenience.

Almost none of us is innocent. Almost all of us litter...at least a little.

So all of us have to pitch in to stop it. Which makes stopping litter just that much easier. This is one disease we can lick, if we *all* cut it out...and *Pitch In!*





If you have any story you think is interesting and would like to see in PLAIN TALKS, just contact the reporter nearest you, and he (or she) will see that it gets to the editor. A complete list of the reporters and their location can be found on the first page of each Coffee Cup section.



Obviously everything does not grow bigger in Texas! Proof of this is shown by M. M. Miller, retired Lafayette district serviceman, who is shown proudly displaying a five pound turnip grown in his garden. (from **Bobbie Denais**)

On March 8, the Lake Charles dispatcher made his routine call to the Beaumont office, relaying daily information concerning any power outages in the Lake Charles Division. In his report, the dispatcher noted that 10 customers had been affected by a power loss in Hackberry, south of Lake Charles. A serviceman corrected the situation, but not without complications. Upon arriving at the Industrial Canal near Hackberry, the serviceman found that the bridge had been affected by the power loss, and was stuck in the open position. Obviously no vehicles could cross the bridge to Hackberry, so the serviceman managed to locate a boat and cross the canal. He then had to secure transportation to the site of the outage and restore power. Thanks to perserverence, the power loss was corrected in only 1½ hours from the time the trouble was reported. (from the Editor)

PINK ROOF PUZZLE

Tom, Sam, Kate and Joe live in a row of houses with red, pink, blue and gray roofs. Sam's is blue. Tom has one neighbor and Joe has two. The red roof is two houses away from the blue. The gray roof is on the end of the block. Sam's only neighbor is a woman. Whose roof is pink? (from **Jerry Franks**)



This is Mrs. Ronald W. Hall, daughter of Andy Poulson-Beaumont safety representative. Mrs. Hall is listed in the 1972 edition of "Outstanding Young Women of America," being nominated by Southwestern University in Georgetown, her alma mater. She also holds a master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Mrs. Hall's name has been listed by fulfilling the qualifications of bringing distinction to herself, her family and her community. (from the Editor)



REPORTERS

If you have any news for "Plain Talks," simply send the information to one of the following local reporters. They will be happy to assist you in getting the material to the editor.

BATON ROUGE: Margie Force (T&D), T. Boone Chaney (T&D), Melanie Hima (T&D), Charles L. Miller (T&D), Jack Gautreaux (T&D), James W. Bello (T&D), Beverly Hull (Gas), Opal Temple (Acet.), Robert Graves (T&D), Susan Wilks, Kelton Whitehead.

BEAUMONT: Bill Toups (S.C.), Barbara Lindsey, Carolyn Motl (T&D), Ann Ogden, Edy Waltmon, Linda Marks.

CALVERT: Janis E. Wilganowski.

CLEVELAND: Pat Jones, Edd Mitchell.

CONROE: Frances Elliot, Bobbie Burke.

DENHAM SPRINGS: Lenelle Juhon.

GONZALES: Billy Fortenberry.

HUNTSVILLE: Karen Morley.

JENNINGS: Earl Mayfield.

LAFAYETTE: Bobbie Denais.

LAKE CHARLES: Johnnie Harris (T&D), Janet Falloway.

LA. STATION: Leslie Jeanonne.

LEWIS CREEK: James Veatch.

MADISONVILLE: Wanda H. Tinsley.

NAVASOTA: Betty Dickschat.

NECHES STATION: Gene Russell, Haze Higginbotham.

NELSON STATION: Martha Caldwell.

ORANGE: Davie Snider.

PORT ALLEN: Adele Vavasseur.

PORT ARTHUR: Sae Williams, Lorraine Dunham (S.C.)

SABINE STATION: Kathleen Fuller.

SILSBEE: Maxine Bell.

SULPHUR: Pearl Darbonne.

WILLOW GLEN: Dora Landaiche.

WOODVILLE: Alene Waggoner.

ZACHARY: Myra Kirby.

(Editor's Note: If any of the above reporters are no longer reporting or with the company, we would appreciate knowing about it. This holds true also if any reporter's name has been omitted.)



This is Carl Robert Adams, son of Claude D. Adams, Baton Rouge T&D Department. Carl won first place in district, third place in State and a trophy for most pins in the shortest period of time in wrestling competition. He is a student at Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge. (from Margie Force)

Sharon Minter, departmental clerk in Beaumont Records Management, has been elected treasurer of the Jefferson County Library Association. Sharon will remain in office until June, 1973, and was voted to the position of treasurer by Jefferson County librarians at a recent meeting at Nederland High School. (from Carolyn Theobald)



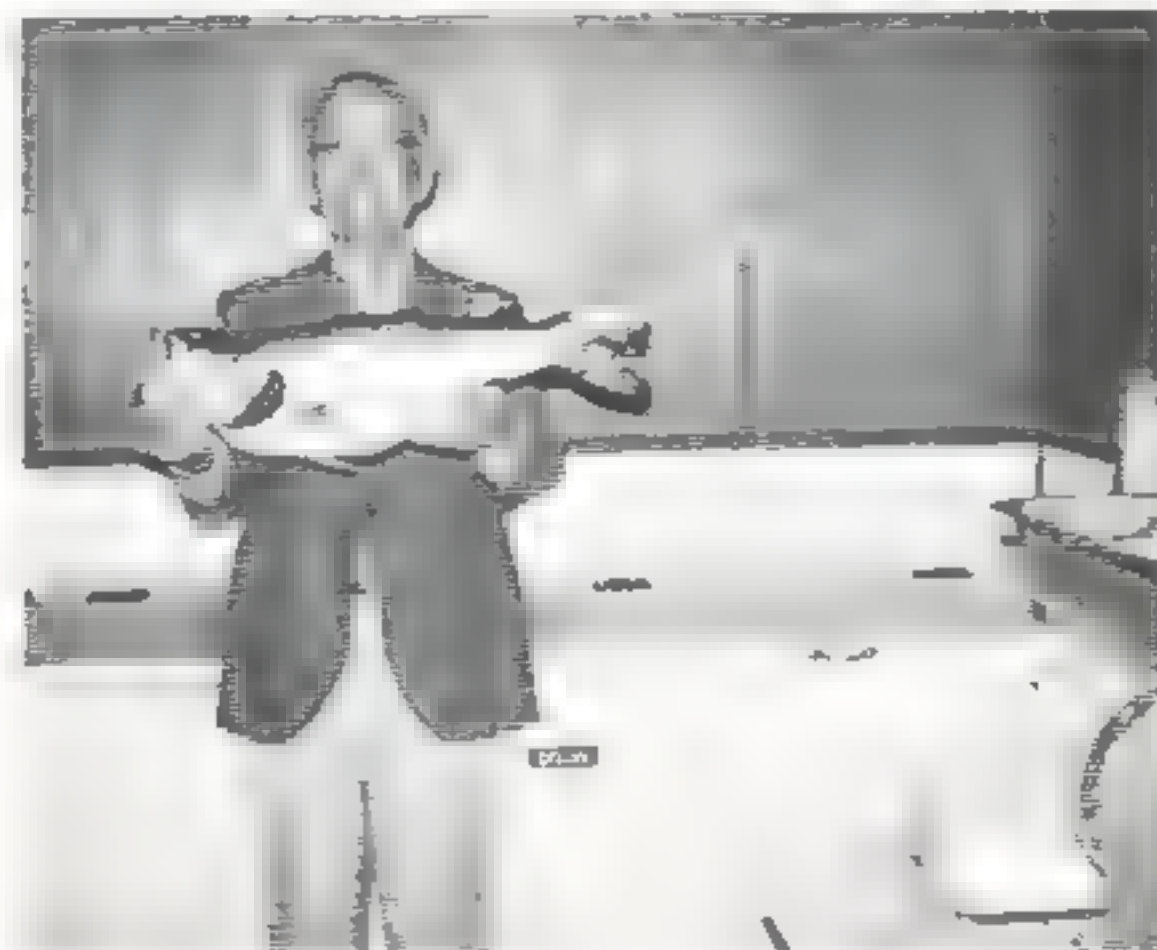
Dick Landry (right), Western Division industrial engineer, shakes hands with Lawrence Welk, national co-chairman of the American Cancer Society during a recent National Volunteers meeting at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston. Dick is the city of Conroe's 1973 Crusade co-chairman for the American Cancer Society. Standing between the two gentlemen is Conroe's Crusade chairman, Mrs. Robert Gerhart. (from the Editor)



The Conroe Service Department recently received a voltage check from a customer in the Tamina area. Marvin Schaefer, serviceman-1st class in Conroe, checked the service and found that the service wires had been run through a tree. After checking further, he discovered that the tree had actually grown around the wires. The lights never went out, showing proof that trees don't always win in their battle against the Company's lines! (from Bobbie Burke)



James (Bo) Watkins, pictured above with his father, recently received his Eagle Scout award at the Annual Troop 82 Banquet. Bo has earned several other awards and badges as a scout, but he is especially proud of this one. He is an active eighth grader at Thomas Edison Junior High -- being a member of both the track team and the marching and concert bands. Bo is the son of Doug Watkins, general maintenance supervisor, Neches Station. (from Hazel Higginbotham)



W. A. "Bill" Efferson, retired Port Allen local superintendent, is shown with the 8 lb. 2 oz. largemouth bass he caught at False River. Bill and his wife now live in Ventress, La. on False River, and spend a lot of their time fishing. (from the Editor)

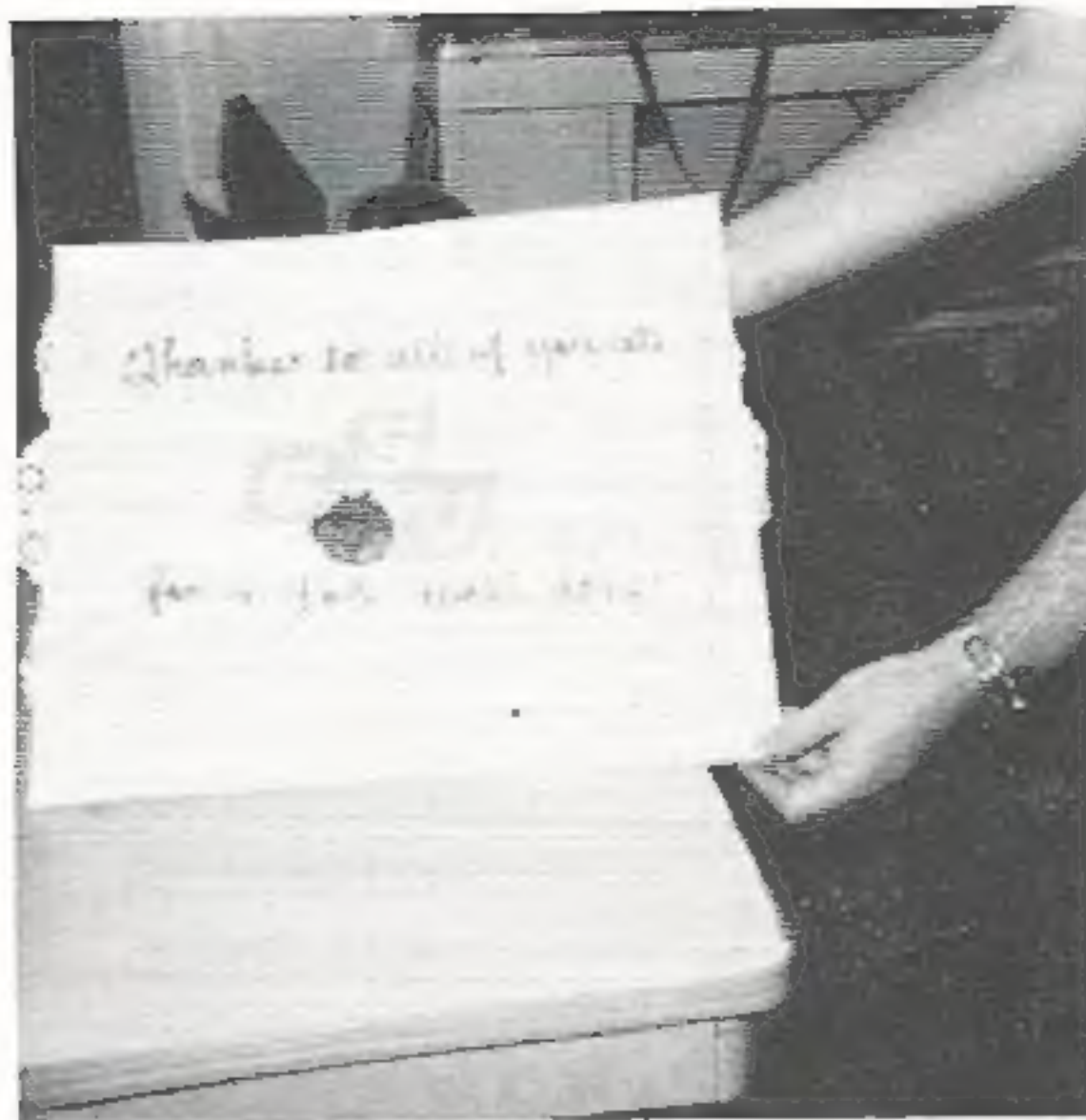
Congratulations to Denis Dugas, Jr. (Lafayette T&D-Section Head) and wife Mary Bert on the birth of a 9 pound boy. He was born December 23, and answers to the name of Peter Denis. (from Bobbie Denais)



Pictured is Mary Leasure (Beaumont Service Center-secretary) and her husband Dave (Beaumont-Substation Department) with the gifts given to them by Service Center employees. Mary is leaving the Company to raise her new family. Welcome is also extended to Jo Ann Landry, a former employee, who will replace Mary as secretary to A. W. Baird Beaumont Division Operating Superintendent. (from Bill Touns)



This little doll is Laura Elaine Russell, 19 month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Russell. Kenneth is employed in the Baton Rouge Engineering Department. (from Susan Wilks)



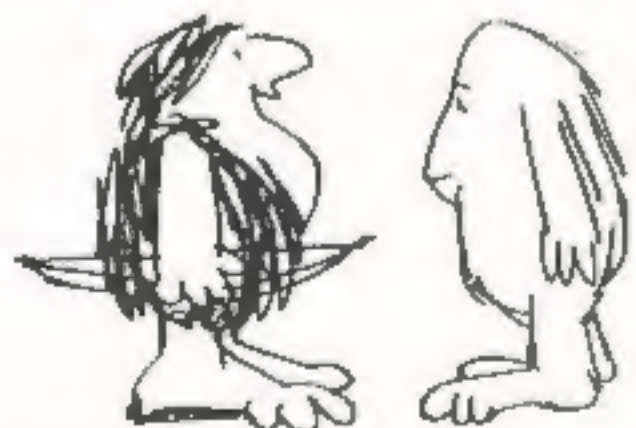
This is a cake baked by a customer in the Silsbee District and presented to the Silsbee office employees. The customer stated that the cake was a present for the fine service that she received during the recent ice storm. (from Maxine Bell)



This is Jason Matthew Rodgers, the new addition to the Harold and Dianna Rodgers family. Jason was born December 28, 1972 and weighed 7 pounds at birth. Harold is employed in the Beaumont Drafting Department. (from the Editor)

DISGRUNTLEDINGS

INVENTING THINGS
CAN GIVE PERSONAL
SATISFACTION, APE.



BUT AN INVENTION IS ONLY
AS GREAT AS THE GOOD
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ONLY THROUGH THE MUTUAL
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SO C'MON, APE.
SHOW ME HOW
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Welcome Aboard!

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Cash, Connie L., Beaumont, Dept Clerk (Dupl)
Barfield, Ella S., Beaumont, PBX Operator (Records)
Wood, Barbara B., Beaumont, Dept Clerk (Records)

System Treasury

Miller, Betty O., Beaumont, Clerk - Gen Acctg (Plant)

BEAUMONT DIVISION

Production

Harrell, Richard W., Beaumont, Laborer I - Neches Sta
Meza, Virginia M., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - Neches Sta
Noland, Larry D., Beaumont, Laborer I - Neches Sta

Distribution

Hidalgo, John D., Beaumont, Helper - T&D Dept (Relay)
Thompson, Robert H., Beaumont, Laborer I - T&D (Line)
Jeanis, Glenn, Beaumont, Laborer I - T&D (Line)
Barnett, Rodney J., Beaumont, Laborer I - T&D (Line)
Mitchell, John A., Beaumont, Laborer I - T&D (Garage)
Southerland, Kenneth M., Beaumont, Laborer I - T&D (S/Sta)

Wakefield, Patricia K., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - T&D (Engr) (Qualifying Date)

Hudson, Mary E., Beaumont, Dept Clerk - T&D (S/Sta)

Cole, Billy R., Jr., Orange, Helper - T&D Dept (Line)

Ashcraft, Robert L., Orange, Helper - T&D Dept (Line)

Quebodeaux, Jean M., Orange, Dept Clerk - T&D (Serv)

West, W. C., Beaumont, Laborer I - T&D (Garage)

Craig, Jack C., Jr., Beaumont, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

White, Roger P., Orange, Helper - T&D Dept (Line)

Division Sales

Duffee, Richard S., Beaumont, Residential Sales Repr (Qualifying Date)

Treasury

West, Wanda S., Beaumont, Clerk - Cust Acctg (Qualifying Date)

Cozad, Marsha B., Beaumont, Clerk - Cust Acctg

Boone, DeWillia M., Beaumont, Clerk - Cust Acctg (Qualifying Date)

Hodge, Billy C., Beaumont, Storeroom Assistant

PORT ARTHUR DIVISION

Production

O'Neal, Floyd G., Bridge City, Equipment Operator - Sabine Sta

Shores, Micheal G., Bridge City, Equipment Operator - Sabine Sta

Fulton, Michael H., Bridge City, Equipment Operator - Sabine Sta

Wilson, Russell W., Bridge City, Equipment Operator - Sabine Sta

Becker, Leonard P., Jr., Bridge City, Equipment Operator - Sabine Sta

Distribution

Trevino, Ronaldo R., Port Arthur, Relayman 3rd Class - T&D

Belk, Alzena W., Port Arthur, Dept Clerk - T&D (Appl Repr)

WESTERN DIVISION

Distribution

Bowling, Robert C., Conroe, Garage Mechanic 3rd Class - T&D

Ashford, Larry G., Conroe, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Austell, James R., Conroe, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Davis, Virginia J., Conroe, Dept Clerk - T&D (Meter)

Kovach, David E., Huntsville, Helper - T&D Dept (Line)

Treasury

McElvaney, Janis W., Huntsville, Local Office Clerk

Backhus, Robert H., Conroe, Laborer I - Div Treas (Stores)

Breen, Sylvia H., New Caney, Local Office Clerk

BATON ROUGE DIVISION

Production

Robinson, Robert M., Baton Rouge, Equipment Operator - W/Glen Sta (Qualifying Date)

Harris, Lanny K., Baton Rouge, Mechanic Helper (Mech) W/Glen Sta

Distribution

Brown, Thompson J., Baton Rouge, Helper - T&D Dept (Line)

Lawless, Michael G., Baton Rouge, Helper - T&D Dept (Line)

Guy, Roy D., Baton Rouge, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Loewenthal, Charles W., Baton Rouge, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Starr, Mary L., Baton Rouge, Dept Clerk - T&D (Serv)

Brinkley, Judy F., Baton Rouge, Stenographer - T&D (Eng)

Winston, Jack L., Jr., Baton Rouge, Garage Mechanic 2/C - T&D (Garage)

Treasury

Trosclair, Dick, Baton Rouge, Meter Reader

Peairs, Stephen R., Baton Rouge, Meter Reader

Johnson, Michael A., Baton Rouge, Meter Reader

Williams, Constance M., Baton Rouge, Clerk - Cr & Col

Calmes, Richard A., Denham Springs, Meter Reader

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Production

Andrus, Gary L., Lake Charles, Laborer I - Nelson Sta

Distribution

LeBlanc, Daniel A., Lake Charles, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Duhon, Kenneth T., Lake Charles, Engr Helper - T&D (Eng)

Bozeman, Richard D., Lake Charles, Engr Helper - T&D (Eng)

Dronet, Lillie B., Jennings, Local Office Clerk - T&D (Serv)

McCain, Edward T., Lake Charles, Laborer I - T&D (Line)

Duhon, Dale J., Lafayette, Laborer I - T&D (Garage)

Sonnier, Jack A., Sulphur, Helper - T&D Dept (Line)

Treasury

Breaux, Jacquelyn F., Lake Charles, Clerk - Cust Acctg

Guidry, Carol C., Lafayette, Clerk - Cust Acctg

MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

Busceme, Carl J., Beaumont, Admn Accountant - Sys Treas Acctg Operns (Genl Accounts)

Corbin, Walter C., Beaumont, Admn Accountant - Sys Treas Acctg (Payroll)

Gilmore, Knox W., Beaumont, Assistant Purch Agent Sys Treas (Purch)

Pohl, Robert H., Port Arthur, Engineer - T&D (Engrg)

Blessitt, Odis W., Beaumont, Admn Acct - Sys Treas/Actg - Order Proc

Vasina, Terry G., Beaumont, Admn Acct - Sys Treas/Actg - Accts Payable

Schlueter, John M., Beaumont, Admn Acct - Sys Treas/Actg - Genl Accts

Bragg, James M., Jr., Beaumont, Student Engineer - Sys Eng Plann (Plann)

Richards, Lonnie D., Beaumont, Student Engineer - Sys Prod

Wright, Larry D., Beaumont, Student Engineer - T&D (Eng)

RECIPES FROM BETH



Beaumont Home Service Advisor Beth McLauchlin is featured on this month's Recipe Page. Beth, a native of Nederland, Texas, holds a B.A. degree from Lamar University, and has been with the Company 1½ years. Her husband, Dennis, is a Beaumont native and is an assistant manager for Market Basket Food Stores, Inc. Beth is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Nederland. Her recipe for Dutch Apple Cake is the perfect way to top off that special dinner.

SWEET - SOUR PORK

- 1½ pounds lean pork shoulder,
cut in 1 inch cubes
- 2 Tbsps. oil
- ¼ cup water
- One No. 2 can pineapple chunks
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 Tbsps. corn starch
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. soy sauce
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¾ cup green pepper strips
- ¼ cup onion, sliced
- 2 cups cooked rice

Brown pork slowly in oil. Add water, cover and simmer one hour or until pork is tender. Drain pineapple, reserving syrup. Combine brown sugar, cornstarch in small saucepan. Add pineapple syrup, vinegar, soy sauce, and salt. Cook on low heat position until thick, stirring constantly. Pour sauce over cooked pork; let stand 10 minutes. Add pineapple, bell pepper and onion. Cook 2-3 minutes; serve over rice. Serves 6.

ROLLADEN

- 1 tenderized round steak, cut in 4 strips
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsps. prepared mustard
- 1 large dill pickle, quartered lengthwise
- 2 Tbsps. oil
- toothpicks
- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup water
- 4 bacon slices

Salt and pepper both sides of meat. Spread mustard thinly on one side of each strip and top with onion. Place a slice of pickle at one end of each strip and roll in jelly roll fashion. Secure with toothpicks. Dust each roll with flour. Heat oil in skillet and brown rolls. Then top each roll with a bacon slice. Cook on low heat position for 1½ hours. Serves 4.

EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA

- 1 large eggplant
- flour
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 1 cup olive oil

- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese
- One 18 oz. jar spaghetti sauce
- ½ pound Mozzarella cheese

Cut eggplant in thin slices. Combine egg, salt and pepper. Dip eggplant slices into egg, then in flour. Fry in olive oil until slices are golden brown on both sides. Drain. In 2 quart casserole, place a layer of fried eggplant, cover with spaghetti sauce, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and top with Mozzarella cheese. Repeat procedure until all eggplant is used, ending with Mozzarella cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Serves 4-6.

DUTCH APPLE CAKE

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 3 Tbsps. sugar
- 3 tsps. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 3 medium size tart apples
- ¼ cup sugar
- ⅓ tsp. cinnamon
- 2 Tbsps. butter, melted
- Nutmeg Sauce, below

Preheat oven to bake 400 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-inch square cake pan. Sift together 3 Tbsps. sugar, baking powder, and salt in large mixing bowl. Blend in whipped cream lightly with a fork. Spread dough evenly in the pan. Wash, pare, core and quarter apples. Cut each quarter into 3 slices and arrange slices on top of dough. Combine ¼ cup sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over apples. Pour butter over top. Bake 30 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve with Nutmeg Sauce.

NUTMEG SAUCE

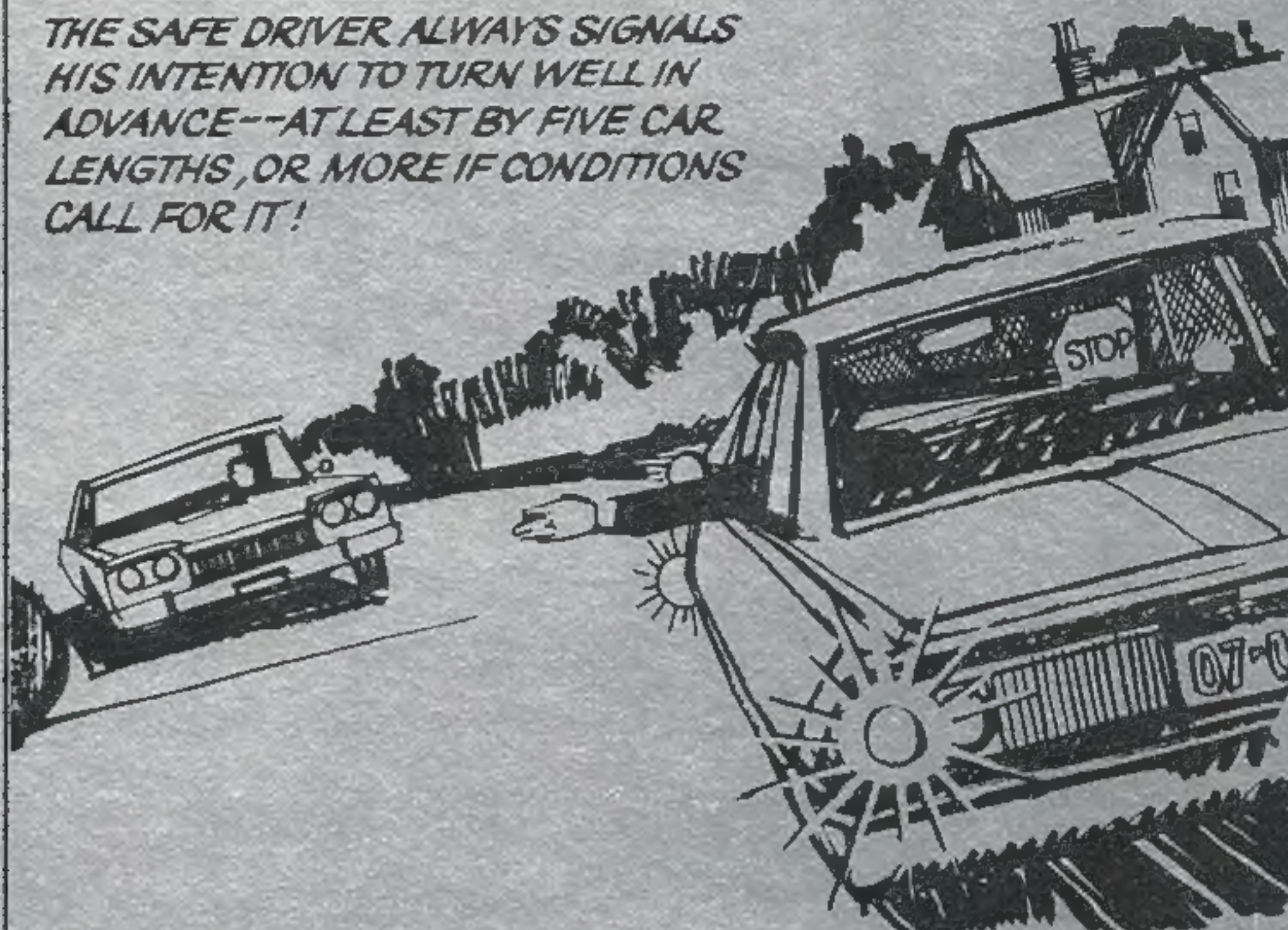
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- few grains salt
- few grains nutmeg
- 2 Tbsps. butter, softened
- 1 egg, separated
- ½ cup water
- 1 tsp. vanilla

In medium saucepan, combine sugar, flour, salt and nutmeg; stir in butter slowly. Add egg yolk and beat. Stir water into mixture. Cook on low heat setting until thick, stirring constantly. Cool mixture and add vanilla. Whip egg white until stiff, fold into cooked mixture. Serve over cake.

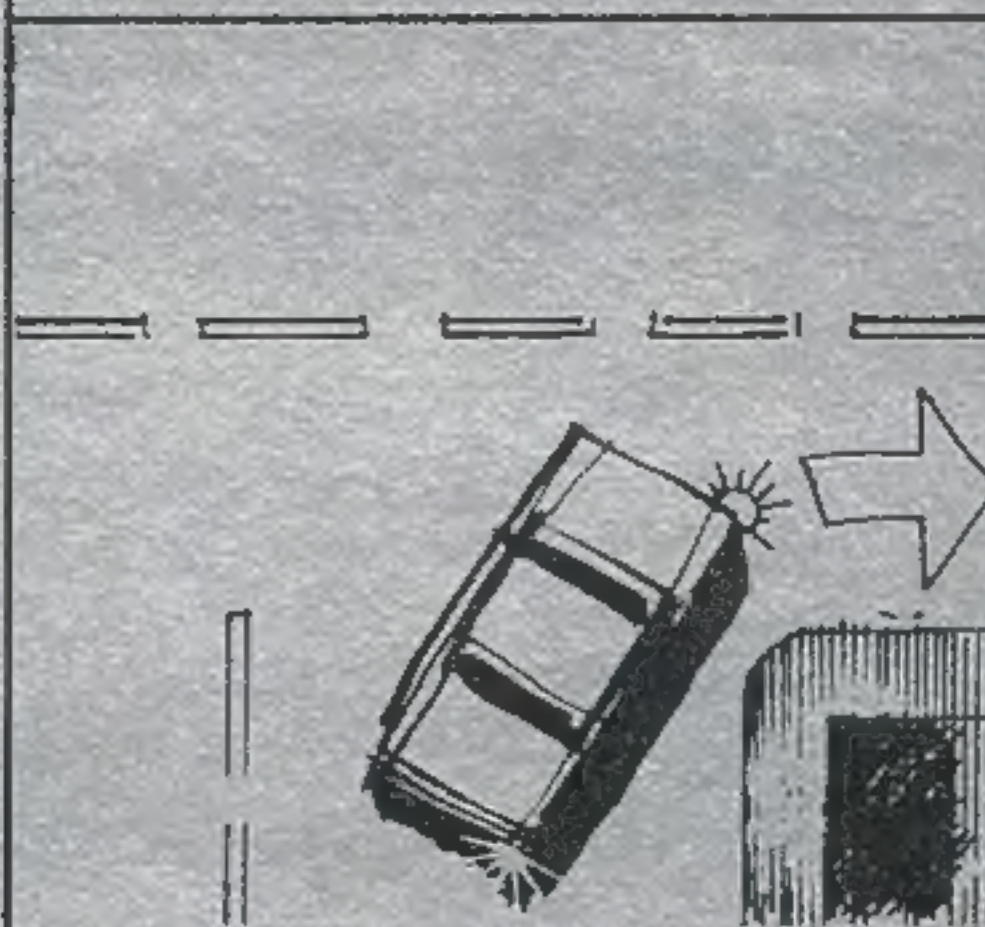
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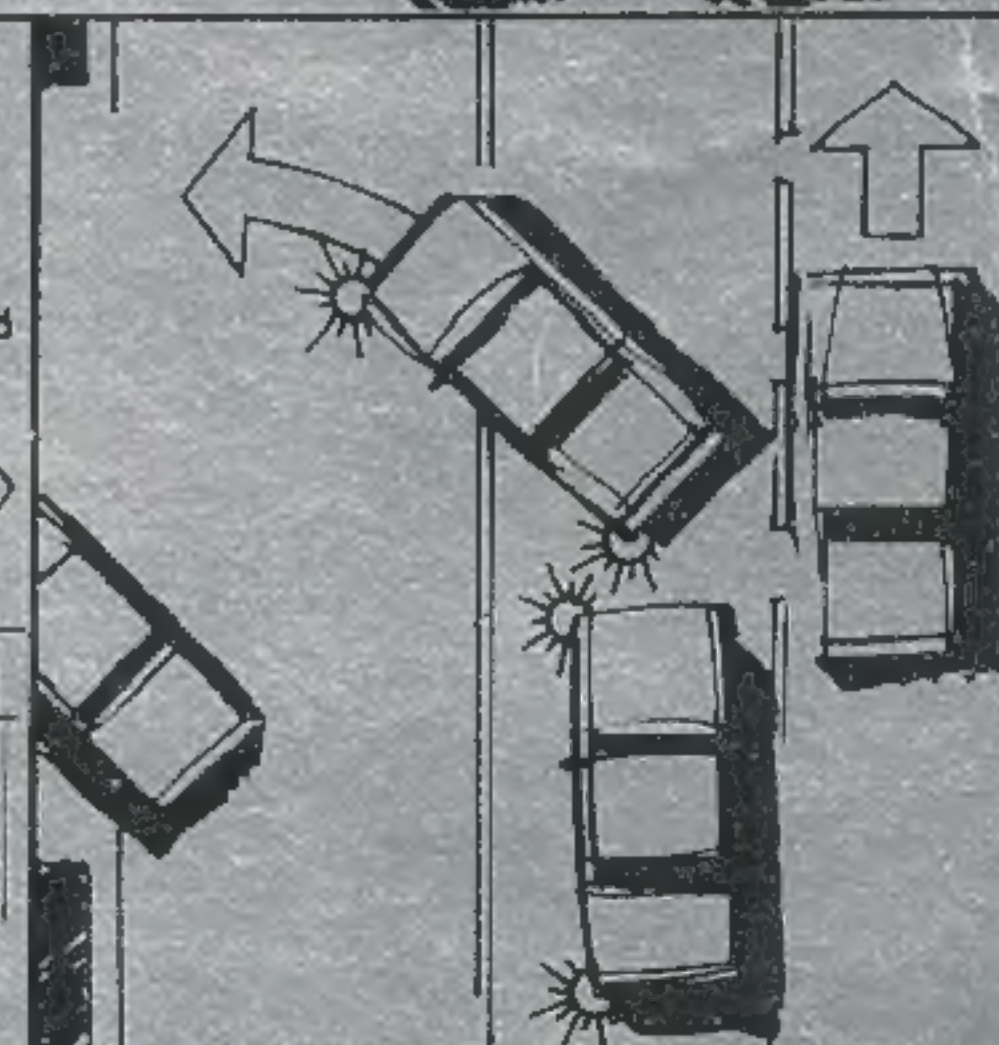
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